

Energy and Environment Committee  
of the  
Southern California Association of Governments  
April 4, 2013

*Minutes*

**THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE. A DIGITAL RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.**

The Energy and Environment Committee (EEC) held its meeting at the SCAG Los Angeles Office. The meeting was called to order by the Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, Chair. There was a quorum.

**Members Present**

Hon. Sylvia Ballin, San Fernando	District 67
Hon. Lisa Bartlett, Dana Point	TCA
Hon. Denis Bertone, San Dimas	SGVCOG
Hon. Margaret Clark, Rosemead	District 32
Hon. Larry Forester, Signal Hill	GCCOG
Hon. Ed Graham, Chino Hills	District 10
Hon. Steve Hernandez, Coachella	CVAG
Hon. James Johnson, Long Beach	District 30
Hon. Thomas Martin, Maywood	GCCOG
Hon. Judy Mitchell, Rolling Hills Estates	District 40
Hon. Mike Munzing, Aliso Viejo	District 12
Hon. Sam Pedroza, Claremont	SGVCOG
Hon. David Pollock, Moorpark	VCOG
Hon. Jack Terrazas	Imperial County
Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro	District 1
Hon. Diane Williams, Rancho Cucamonga	SANBAG
Hon. Edward Wilson, Signal Hill	Gateway Cities

**Members Not Present**

Hon. Brian Brennan, San Buenaventura	VCOG
Hon. Jeff Duclos, Hermosa Beach	SBCCOG
Hon. Jordan Ehrenkranz, Canyon Lake	WRCOG
Hon. Mitchell Englander, Los Angeles	District 59
Hon. Linda Krupa, Hemet	WRCOG
Hon. Jeffery Prang, West Hollywood	WSCCOG
Hon. Lupe Ramos Watson, Indio	District 66
Hon. Ed Scott, Rialto	SANBAG
Hon. Mark Waldman, La Palma	OCCOG
Hon. Dennis Zine, City of Los Angeles	District 50

**CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

## **ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR**

Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker opened the floor for nominations for EEC Chair and Vice-Chair. Hon. James Johnson, District 30, Long Beach, was nominated and unanimously elected as Chair. Hon. Lisa Bartlett, TCA, Dana Point, was nominated and unanimously elected as Vice-Chair.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Leor Alpern, South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), informed the members of upcoming SCAQMD programs:

- April 10-11, 2013 - Technology Symposium on Transitioning to Zero-Emissions Freight Transport Technologies, SCAQMD Headquarters, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, California.
- May 2013 - SCAQMD Annual Lawn Mower Exchange Program. The event will be held in Long Beach on May 4; Pasadena on May 25; Riverside on June 8; and Anaheim on July 13.
- The March 2013 issue of the SCAQMD Advisor publication contains the application for the Annual Clean Air Awards that will be held in October 2013.

More information can be found on the SCAQMD's website at [www.aqmd.gov](http://www.aqmd.gov)

## **REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS**

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

### **Approval Item**

#### **1. Minutes of the March 7, 2013 Meeting**

A MOTION was made (Forester) to approve the Consent Calendar. The MOTION was SECONDED (Johnson) and unanimously APPROVED.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **2. Transportation Conformity Determination for Morongo, Pechanga, and the Rest of South Coast Air Basin (SCAB) Nonattainment Areas for 2008 8-hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS)**

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG staff, stated that two (2) areas of Native American Country in the SCAG region, Morongo and Pechanga, were designated by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as separate new nonattainment areas for the 2008 Ozone Standards effective July 20, 2012. These areas were previously considered part of the South Coast Air Basin nonattainment area. Morongo is classified as a "serious" nonattainment area with an attainment date of 2021; Pechanga is a "moderate" nonattainment area with a 2018 attainment date.

SCAG staff has performed the required conformity determination analyses for Morongo and Pechanga. Staff has also updated the conformity analysis for the South Coast Air Basin ozone nonattainment area to account for the exclusion of the Morongo and Pechanga nonattainment areas.

The Draft Conformity Analysis was presented to and discussed with Morongo and Pechanga representatives and also SCAG's Transportation Conformity Working Group (TCWG) for interagency consultation. In addition, the Conformity Determination Draft Report was released for

a 15-day public review ending March 29, 2013. No comments were received by the close of the public comment period.

A MOTION was made (Forester) to recommend that the Regional Council adopt the Transportation Conformity Determination for Morongo, Pechanga, and the rest of South Coast Air Basin nonattainment areas for 2008 8-hour ozone standards and direct staff to submit it to Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration for approval. The motion was SECONDED (Hernandez) and unanimously APPROVED.

### 3. Public Health Subcommittee Recommendations

Hon Deborah Robertson, Chair of the Public Health Subcommittee, reported on the recommendations made by the Subcommittee. The subcommittee stated that the recommendations should focus on preserving and improving partnerships that have been built between SCAG and the public health community, along with improving availability of data and information, and promoting active transportation.

Hon. Larry Forester, Signal Hill, stated he was concerned that the recommendations were not reviewed by the technical committees of the sub-regions prior to consideration for approval. Councilman Forester suggested revised action language to reflect that the EEC review and recommend Regional Council approval of the Public Health Subcommittee recommendations as preliminary, recognizing these are starting points subject to further input through an open process during the development of the RTP/SCS over the next three years which will culminate in adoption of the final plan in 2016.

A MOTION was made (Wilson) to recommend Regional Council approval of the Public Health Subcommittee recommendations as preliminary, recognizing these are starting points subject to further input through an open process during the development of the RTP/SCS over the next three (3) years which will culminate in adoption of the final plan in 2016. The MOTION was seconded (Forester) and unanimously APPROVED.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### 4. Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG) Home Energy Renovation Opportunity (HERO) Program

Barbara Spoonhour, Director of Energy and Environmental Programs, WRCOG, gave a brief presentation on WRCOG's HERO program. Ms. Spoonhour stated that the program offered low cost financing with fixed interest rates for a broad range of energy and water efficient products and renewable energy systems. Homeowners repay the HERO financing through their property tax bill. In order to be eligible to apply, the property must be located within one of the participating WRCOG jurisdictions. There are three (3) methods to submit an application: 1) online; 2) call in or; 3) submit a hard copy. Most applications can be approved instantly or the same business day. More information can be obtained on the website <http://herofinancing.com>

### 5. Update on the California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA) California Communities Environmental Health Screening Tool

Ping Chang, SCAG staff, briefed the EEC on the California Communities Environmental Health Screening Tool (CalEnviroScreen) developed by the California Environmental Protection Agency

(Cal/EPA) to evaluate the combined impacts of pollution on communities. The tool is intended to be used by Cal/EPA to prioritize, focus resources, and help Cal/EPA comply with statutory mandates related to environmental justice. The tool will also be used to identify impacted communities for investment opportunities pursuant to Senate Bill 535. Cal/EPA is scheduled to finalize the tool towards the end of April 2013.

9. Update on Administration's Draft Cap-and-Trade Auction Proceeds Investment Plan

The Committee discussed this item first on the Agenda. At its October 4, 2012 meeting, SCAG's Regional Council adopted principles for investment of auction proceeds available for transportation purposes. On February 15, 2013, State agencies released the draft Cap-and-Trade Auction Proceeds Investment Plan. Hon. Pam O'Connor gave testimony of behalf of the Regional Council at the February 27, 2013 Cap-and-Trade workshop in downtown Los Angeles consistent with Board adopted principles. Subsequently, SCAG submitted written comments on the draft plan.

Cynthia Marvin, Air Resources Board (ARB) Division Chief, provided an update on the Administration's draft Cap-and Trade Auction Proceeds Investment Plan and next steps. After receiving comments on the draft investment, the revised investment plan will be released in early April 2013 and a public workshop held on April 25, 2013 in Sacramento. The three (3) year investment plan will then be submitted to the legislature on May 15, 2013 along with the Governor's revised budget. The dollars available will not be known until after the Fiscal Year 2013/14.

Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker stated that labeling a community as "disadvantaged" is harmful. Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker requested that the ARB reconsider the label "disadvantaged communities" and strongly urged using a new phrase that is more positive.

6. Addendum No. 1 to the 2012-2035 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR)

Pamela Lee, SCAG staff, stated that SCAG identified modifications and additions to some of the projects in the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS, adopted in April 2012. As a result, staff has prepared Amendment #1 to the RTP/SCS. Amendment #1 to the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS is simultaneously presented today to SCAG's Transportation Committee. Staff also analyzed the project changes in regards to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements, and whether or not those project changes affected the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS PEIR analysis. As described in the staff report, staff has found that the proposed project modifications and additions are consistent with the analysis, mitigation measures and Findings of Fact contained in the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS PEIR; and would not result in either new significant environmental effects or substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects. After the RTP/SCS Amendment #1 public review period ends, the Addendum #1 to the PEIR will be presented at the EEC's June 6, 2013 meeting as an action item for recommendation to the Regional Council (RC) for approval.

7. Transportation Conformity Analysis for Draft Amendment No. 1 to the 2012-2035 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) and draft Amendment No 13-04 to the 2013 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG staff, stated that because of time constraints he would refer members to his written staff report and would respond to any questions. There were no questions.

Jonathan Nadler, SCAG staff, clarified that this agenda item was connected to the RTP/SCS Amendment #1 that SCAG's Transportation Committee was considering today for public release and for which SCAG was required to perform conformity analysis as well.

8. Summary Report from Subcommittees – Receive and file

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker announced that today was the last EEC meeting she would serve as Chair and that she very much enjoyed the opportunity. Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker encouraged members of the committee to register for SCAG's Annual General Assembly, May 2-3, in Palm Desert.

**STAFF REPORT**

Jonathan Nadler, SCAG staff, expressed his appreciation for the Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker's leadership as Chair of the EEC for the past year.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS** - None

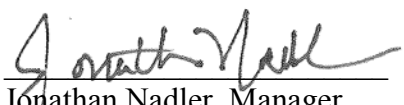
**ANNOUNCEMENTS** - None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

The next meeting of the Energy & Environment Committee will be held on Thursday, June 6, 2013 at the SCAG Los Angeles Office.

Action Minutes Approved by:

  
Jonathan Nadler, Manager  
Compliance & Performance  
Monitoring

## Energy and Environment Committee Attendance Report

2013

Member (including Ex-Officio) LastName, FirstName	Date Appointed if after 1/1/13	Representing	X = County Represented						X = Attended Black Shading = Dark NM = New Member												Total Mtgs Attended
			Imperial	Los Angeles	Orange	Riverside	San Bernar dino	Ventura	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
Bartlett, Lisa*		OCCOG			X				X	X	X	X									
Bertone, Denis		SGVCOG		X					X	X	X	X	G								
Brennan, Brian		VCOG						X					E								
Clark, Margaret*		Rosemead		X					X	X	X	X	N								
Ehrenkranz, Jordan		WRCOG				X			X	X			E								
Englander, Mitchell*		Los Angeles		X							X		R								
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Martin, Thomas		GCCOG		X					X	X	X	X	S								
Mitchell, Judy*		SBCCOG		X							X	X	E								
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Pedroza, Sam		SGVCOG		X					X	X	X	X	B								
Pollock, David		VCOG						X	X	X	X	X	L								
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Ramirez, Carmen	April	Oxnard						X													
Ramos Watson, Lupe		CVAG				X				X											
Scott, Edward		SANBAG					X														
Terrazas, Jack		Imperial County	X						X	X	X	X									
Viegas Walker, Cheryl*		El Centro	X						X	X	X	X									
Williams, Diane		SANBAG					X		X	X	X	X									
Wilson, Edward		Signal Hill		X					X		X	X									
Zine, Dennis*		Los Angeles		X					X	X											
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